

DISTRICT V ADVISORY BOARD
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September 8, 2003
7:00 p.m.

Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse
443 S. 135th West

Six (6) District Advisory Board Members attended the District V Advisory Board meeting. Eight (8) City Staff were present and approximately 20 members of the public of which six signed the signup sheet.

Members Present

David Dennis
Andy Johnson
John Marker
DeAnn Sullivan
Jordan Hudson
Matt Schippers
Jonathan Brooks
Council Member Bob Martz

Members Absent

Dave Almes
Bob Bulman
Sean Cash
Maurice Ediger
Fran Hoggatt
Teresa Schmidt
Steve Winslow

Staff Present

John Schlegel, Planning
Julianne Kallman, Public Works
Sgt. Clark Bolan, Police
Officer Lee Eisenbise, Police
Officer A.L. Boden, Police
Officer G.A. Birdwell, Police
Officer Dave Wertz, Police
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office

Guests

Baughman Engineering Representative
D. W. Mallonee, 9414 Ryan
Dan O'Toole, 111923 W. 17th Street
Debbie Berick, 111916 W. Bella Vista
Michael Osborn, 11910 Jamesburg

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Bob Martz called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and welcomed the public. He explained the role of the District Advisory Board as advisory to him in his elected position, City Council Member of District V. He invited comment from the public at the designated point in the review process but asked that appropriate conduct be followed to provide attention from all for the person speaking.

Council Member Martz also introduced the new Youth DAB Members and welcomed them to the District V Advisory Board. He noted each member's high school in District V: Matt Schippers, Bishop Carroll HS; Jordan Hudson, Maize HS; and, Jonathan Brooks, Northwest HS.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The minutes for August 4, 2003 were corrected on the vote for the item regarding Residency Requirement for City Boards & Commissions. The vote is shown on page 4 as 6:0 and is corrected to 4:2. The Agenda was approved as presented.

Public Agenda

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for citizens to present issues that are not part of the regular agenda for the meeting.

No items were presented.

Public Works Agenda

Street Improvement

Julianne Kallman, Public Works, presented a proposed project in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the 119th Street West Improvement, from 17th to 21st Street. She noted that the open house held previous to the DAB meeting gave the residents a chance to view diagrams and receive information to their questions. Kallman provided a diagram of the project with proposed medians, left-turn lanes, and easement plantings.

Council Member Martz asked if DAB Members had questions to which **Dennis** asked if 4-lane from 21st to 13th is planned in the CIP—if so, why the expansion is not currently being proposed for to 13th instead of only to 17th Street. **Kallman** said KDOT has also asked the question but the current plan includes only expanding to 17th Street. **Council Member Martz** asked if KDOT was supportive to which **Kallman** said they agreed to support the project as proposed by providing 80% of the cost.

The Public was given an opportunity to ask questions. **Dan O'Toole, 11923 W. 17th** asked if the project couldn't be expanded to 13th. Kallman explained that was how the project was proposed for the CIP and it would leave the street only 2-lane from 17th to 13th. **Council Member Martz** stated that he supported the citizen's thinking. A question was asked about whether a traffic study has been conducted for the street. **Council Member Martz** said he believed the traffic study for installing the stoplight at 21st only included the intersection. He asked Kallman to request that traffic counts be collected at 17th Street on 119th.

The discussion was brought back to the board. **Dennis** said he'd like to see the entire portion of 119th expanded with sidewalks on both sides; he noted that KDOT funding would probably be required. **Sullivan** asked if plans existed to expand 119th in any other area. **Kallman** said she did not know. **Johnson** said the 119th Street Bridge was expanded to more than 2 lanes.

Dennis (Johnson) then moved to support the proposal with the recommendation that a project be developed to expand 119th Street to 13th Street and include sidewalks on both sides. Motion passed 4:0.

Action: Board recommended 4:0 to support the project with additional recommendation that the CIP include a project to further expand 119th to 13th Street and construct sidewalks on both sides.

Street Improvement

A representative of **Baughman Engineering** presented another proposed project from the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the 29th Street North Improvement from Maize to Tyler. A four-lane is proposed with a landscaped median. Left turn lanes will be constructed at all four approaches. Residents of the area, **Jeff Bradley**, address unknown, and another resident asked several questions about plans for the project on 29th Street regarding traffic control with signals or 4-way stop at Fossil Rim. The **Baughman** representative said the improvements included medians; traffic controls at the intersections

of Tyler, Maize, and Keith Streets; and, curb & gutter with storm sewer draining into Cadillac Lake. He said that KDOT had approved the plan and if the project were approved, construction would begin in February or March of 2004. **Mallonee, 9414 Ryan**, asked if the improvement was being funded by the city through the population as a whole to which **Council Member Martz** replied yes. **Dennis** asked why the project was proposed over other projects and the Baughman representative said the proposal was made for several reasons including increased traffic from Ridge to New Market Square; lots of new homes being built in the area; and, a new Maize school planned for building in the area. **Johnson (Marker)** moved to recommend approval for the proposed project. Motion passed 4:0.

Action: The Board voted 4:0 to recommend support to approve the proposed project.

Staff Presentations

Community Police Report

Sgt. Clark Bolan, Community Police, reported on the Police Beats in district V by explaining the boundaries of each. Beat 18 includes the area bounded by Maple on the north, Ridge on the east, & city limits on the west & south. Beat 19 is bounded by 13th Street on the south, Ridge on the east, and city limits on the north & west. Bolan explained that a new Beat had been developed, Beat 199 with boundaries of Ridge on the east, 13th on the north, Maple on the south, and city limits on the west. He introduced several community police officers who were recently assigned to different beats: Officer Eisenbise, Beat 18; Officer Wurtz, Beat 16b; Officer Boden, Beat 19; Officer Birdwell, Beat 19-second shift. Sgt. Bolan also reported that Officer Schell is assigned to the new beat on the west side, Beat 199, but she was able to attend tonight's evening. Bolan encouraged residents to call Patrol West whenever they had any questions or concerns.

A question was asked about speeding cars on 119th Street to which Officer Boden said a NOTE (Neighborhood Oriented Traffic Enforcement) existed for the street and the public should begin to see cars moving slower. Officer Eisenbise noted that the traffic patrol section typically handles the issue of speeding and that traffic officers had opened the NOTE for 119th Street.

Action: Receive and file

Introduction of New Planning Director

John Schlegel, Director for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning

Department, introduced himself in his new position and provided some of his background including 30 years of experience in Planning. He said that he had most recently moved from Clark County in Nevada where a high-pressure growth area existed. However, he explained, Pennsylvania was his home and he had lived in Florida in the 1980's.

Schlegel asked the Board if they had issues for him to consider. **Johnson** noted that drainage was a huge concern for the area residents and the DAB V Members. He said that a continuous issue of concern for the Board has been the process of development for an area in regard to flooding or excessive drainage. Johnson acknowledged the Board understood that when the property is initially platted, a drainage plan is required before the owner can proceed with development. However, it appears that no one in the City organization is responsible for monitoring the plan through to ensure proper drainage. As a result, residents living near a subject property for a planning case never feel assured that flooding will be controlled. **Dennis** added to Johnson's point by providing the recent history of flooding by Cowskin Creek and the current effort to control the flooding. He asked why this couldn't be included in the

Golden Rules utilized for criteria in making decisions about a zoning request. **Schlegel** responded that a basin plan must be developed first to guide the development process with respect to curtailing flooding. He said that otherwise, a piecemeal approach must be used. **Council Member Martz** noted the Backyard Drainage Policy that is in place. Schlegel said that by the time a zoning request is made, it's almost too late and that sometimes the developer must back up their process and then develop an overall plan for drainage.

Council Member Martz added that District V had been impacted more in the past and that the creeks of Cowskin, Dry, and Calfskin Creek all drain through the district. He said that the City has a proposed project to increase the capacity of the creeks by building "shelves" that hold more water with the most expansion to the east of the Cowskin. He said that the shelves would be 8-foot deep and a decision would be made for the width, considering options for 100, 200, and 300 feet widths. Each option increases the cost of the project being considered by \$200,000. The US Corps of Engineers has agreed to help fund a large portion of the project if the widest option of 300 feet is chosen. **Council Member Martz** said that the shelves would only provide overflow protection for 2, 3, or 5-year floods, not the 50 or 100-year floods.

Council Member Martz also reported on many of the projects completed to help control flooding including removal of the railroad trestle at Kellogg providing a 1½-foot reduction in flooding; possibly the 300-foot shelves; and, secure manhole covers. In the past flood, approximately 55 manhole covers were blown off, compromising the integrity of the drainage system. The Corps of Engineers have "qualified," or recommended the improvement steps. Dennis asked if the detention ponds were a separate step in the process to which **Council Member Martz** said yes. He also said that after the shelf project, the City would go to another process requiring congressional delegation. **Marker** asked which option the Council seemed to favor at this point to which **Council Member Martz** replied the 300-foot option was preferred.

Schlegel said he would research the platting process for changes that might address the concerns and remain aware of the concerns for District V. **Council Member Martz** thanked Schlegel for coming and said he looked forward to working with him.

Action: Receive and file

Board Agenda

Updates, Issues, and Reports

Council Member Martz reported on the annexation issue with the City of Maize involving both municipalities trying to annex the same area of approximately 29th & Maize. The area is known as an area of influence. The issue is currently in litigation. The Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners has already consented to an island annexing in the area of 31st-33rd for Maize. He expressed the concern regarding the infrastructure that the City of Wichita had already built along Maize Road and the fact that approximately 90% of the Maize students live in Wichita.

Council Member Martz then asked if members had any issues or reports. **Johnson** asked about the 2houses located at 119th & 21st. He said these houses had previous violation notices from OCI but had repaired enough to show intent but then did not continue. He asked staff to report on the status.

Johnson also noted that Mid-Continent Airport needed some amenities for the late-flight passengers. Very few chairs are available to wait for baggage pickup and no vendor is open to buy something to eat or drink. Council Member Martz asked Johnson to contact Charlie Boulie as the District V Airport Advisory Board member. He also said the airport is undergoing some improvements such as increased parking. Other additional services are also being considered.

Johnson also commented on the poor condition of the Air Museum. He said that he had taken some visitors to Wichita to the Museum and was embarrassed about the lack of attention for its upkeep, especially in the “air capitol,” for which Wichita is known.

Sullivan said that she & her husband had leased the last FEMA lot adjacent to their property. They had built a split-rail fence on it and felt it looked very good—an improvement to the neighborhood area.

Staff reported on the plan for the first Citizens Academy. It will be an 8-week session, once a week, for citizens who want to learn more about our local government and/or prepare citizens for serving on City boards & commissions. The first session is scheduled to begin on October 13 and 35-40 participants will be selected soon.

Staff also handed out a survey for Members to indicate their HUD priorities. This information is used for determining how to spend grant dollars as well as submitted to council Member Martz for consideration in the development of the City budget. Staff asked that the survey be completed and returned at the October Board meeting.

Recommended Action: Address each item, as appropriate.

Council Member Martz reminded everyone that the next meeting for District Advisory Board V is scheduled for October 6, 2003. The meeting will be at Auburn Hills Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Brown, Neighborhood Assistant
City Council District V